



**APA Statement of Support for H.B. 5376 (Iden)
House Regulatory Reform Committee
May 23, 2018**

APA -The Engineered Wood Association (APA) appreciates the opportunity to express our support for H.B. 5376, which would make changes to the Single State Construction Code Act. We support the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs establishing advisory committees for the purpose of reviewing and updating Michigan's building and construction codes, as detailed in H.B. 5376.

As a North American trade association representing manufacturers of a variety of structural engineered wood products, including manufacturers in Michigan, APA has been pleased to provide technical assistance to Michigan code review committees in the past. We support the establishment of review committees where individuals with specific areas of expertise participate in the state's construction code review process. APA also supports individual committee make ups that ensure that no product manufacturer can unduly influence Michigan's construction codes. We ask that you vote "Yes" on H.B. 5376.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Kositzky, APA Director of Field Services at tom.kositzky@apawood.org.